CLAIMS:

1.   A recording apparatus which executes copy control utilizing copy control information which is indicative of plural types of copy control, comprising:

an electronic watermark detection means which detects a predetermined copy control information portion of said copy control information out of a content over which an electronic watermark expressing said copy control information is superimposed; and

a recording means which records said content in accordance with a detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means.

2.   The recording apparatus of claim 1 which is an SD apparatus complying with the SDMI control method,

wherein said copy control information is available in three types of "copy_freely", "copy_one_generation" and "no_more_copy", and

said predetermined copy control information portion is "no_more_copy".

3.   The recording apparatus of claim 1 which is a recording apparatus complying with the CPPM control method or the CPRM control method,

wherein said copy control information is available in three types of "copy_freely", "copy_one_generation" and "no_more_copy", and

said predetermined copy control information portion is "no_more_copy".

4. The recording apparatus of claim 2, wherein when the detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means indicates detection of said "no_more_copy", said recording means does not record said content, and when the detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means indicates that said "no_more_copy" is not detected, said recording means records said content.

5. The recording apparatus of claim 3, wherein when the detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means indicates detection of said "no_more_copy", said recording means does not record said content, and when the detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means indicates that said "no_more_copy" is not detected, said recording means records said content.

6. The recording apparatus of claim 2, wherein said recording means encrypts and records said content.

7.   The recording apparatus of claim 1, wherein said content is an audio content.

8.   A recording method of executing copy control utilizing copy control information which is indicative of plural types of copy control, comprising:

an electronic watermark detection step of detecting a predetermined copy control information portion of said copy control information out of a content over which an electronic watermark expressing said copy control information is superimposed; and

a recording step of recording said content in accordance with a detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means.

9.   A program of the recording apparatus of claim 1, said program makes a computer function as:

a part of an electronic watermark detection means which detects a predetermined copy control information portion of said copy control information out of a content over which an electronic watermark expressing said copy control information is superimposed; and

a part of a recording means which records said content in accordance with a detection result obtained by said electronic watermark detection means.

10.   A recording medium which can be processed on a computer and which holds the program of claim 9.